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In the application of: Björn Liedtke, et al

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COATING AN OPTICALLY READABLE
DATA CARRIER

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with 37 CFR § 1.56, Applicant wishes to call the attention of the Examiner to the following reference(s):

- 1) DT 26 18 773 A1
- 2) US 5,382,460
- 3) EP 0 166 614
- 4) US 5,312,714
- 5) GB 2 312 777
- 6) EP 0 732 871 A1
- 7) EP 405 582 A2
- 8) EP 0 865 038 A1
- 9) EP 0 509 472 A2
- 10) US 5,656,410
- 11) EP 0 855 703 A2



12) WO 99/40580

13) EP 0463 382 A2

References 1 discloses a recording carrier for data that is stored thereon in the form of relief-type elevations and/or recesses. A protective layer covers that side of the recording carrier that contains the stored data. Only the edge regions of the protective layer are securely connected to the recording carrier.

References 2 – 4 are in the English language and need no further discussion as to their relevance.

References 5 –13 have been cited in the International Search Report and are submitted to provide the Examiner easy access to said references.

Copies of the listed documents are submitted herewith along with the form PTO-1449.

Consideration of the foregoing in relation to this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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